

## **Hurricanes and Tropical Storms**

### **How to Prepare Before a Hurricane or Tropical Storm**

- Have emergency supplies on hand (see list)
- Be familiar with your evacuation route
- Protect your household windows with either hurricane panels, plywood cut to fit doors and windows, or storm shutters.
- Trim back dead or weak branches
- Make arrangements for your pets in advance.

### **What To Do As You Prepare To Evacuate**

- Turn off all electricity, gas, and water
- Bring in all loose items from outdoors. Planters, furniture, or other loose objects can become missiles.
- Turn refrigerators to their coldest setting, and only open when absolutely necessary if power goes off

## **Evacuation/Emergency Supplies**

Emergency Supply Kit: During an emergency situation it is important to have an emergency kit with all necessary supplies on hand. It is also recommended to have an emergency supply kit for both your car and your home. Items that should be included are:

### **Essential Items**

- ☐ Battery operated flashlight, lantern or hand crank flashlight
- ☐ Battery operated radio or hand crank radio
- ☐ NOAA Radio
- ☐ Extra Batteries
- ☐ Fully Charged Cell Phone
- ☐ Rain gear such as jackets, boots, and plastic ponchos, as well as a change of clothes.
- ☐ Enough food and water for 3 – 7 days in case of power outages
- ☐ Canned goods and other non-perishable foods
- ☐ Non-Electric can opener
- ☐ 1 gallon of water per person per day for 3-7 days
- ☐ Special needs of your infants and pets
- ☐ Personal care products
- ☐ Disinfectant wipes
- ☐ Hand sanitizer
- ☐ Toilet paper

### **First Aid Kit**

- ☐ Bandages/Gauze
- ☐ Soap/Antiseptics
- ☐ Prescription medication/Over the Counter Medicines

### **Tools and Supplies**

- ☐ Hammer
- ☐ Nails
- ☐ Duct Tape
- ☐ Roofing tar paper
- ☐ Tarps
- ☐ Plywood panels or other shielding materials or permanent shutters for windows and doors
- ☐ Plastic trash bags

### **Important Documents (in a sealable plastic bag)**

- ☐ Cash
- ☐ Bank account information
- ☐ Credit card information
- ☐ Drivers license information
- ☐ Social security card
- ☐ Will
- ☐ Passport
- ☐ List of important contact numbers

#### Transportation

- ☐ Make sure one vehicle has a full tank of gas in case of evacuation
- ☐ Extra set of car keys
- ☐ A set of jumper cables

#### Other important information

- ☐ Keep any young children in mind. Have on hand entertainment such as books, puzzles, and games to help keep children occupied.